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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 1864

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SUBJECT: PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION

1. ON CONFIDNETIAL BASIS, SENIOR GOC OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR THAT CANADIAN CIVIL SERVICE OFFICERS WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION IF CANADA ACCEDED TO IT ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DELAY ACCESSION UNTIL THERE ARE REASONABLE ASSURANCES AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL THAT SUFFICIENT MANPOWER AND RESOURCES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS PARTICULARLY, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE COMPONENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE FORCE OCCUPIED WITH DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS HAS BEEN RECEIVING INCREASED WORK ASSIGNMENTS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BEING FORBIDDEN TO EXPAND IN TERMS OF MANPOWER. ADDITIONALLY, RECENT AUSTERITY MOVES HAVE TRIMMED BUDGETS TO THE VERY MARROW OF THE BONE.

2. IF CANADA, IS TO ACCEDE TO THE CONVENTION ANY TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT WILL HAVE TO BE IN THE FACE OF THIS INTERNAL OPPOSITION. FURTHER, GIVEN THE STRAIN ON EXISTING MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES,

ACCESSION WOULD BE MORE OF A POLITICAL GESTURE THAN A CONCRETE
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